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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING CONNECTIONS OF PC CARDS AND A PASSIVE-CARD-ADAPTING CARD USED FOR CONNECTING ONE OF THE PC CARDS TO THE APPARATUS

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1.  Specification, total pages 60 including:
  - a. 19 pages of claims (1-75 claims)
  - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2.  15 sheets of informal  formal drawings (Figs. 1-14)
3.  Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) ( total pages)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Newly executed (original)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Unexecuted
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)*
4.  Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5.  Incorporation By Reference  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7.  An assignment (cover sheet & document(s)) \_\_\_\_\_
8.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
9.  Power of Attorney
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  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Copy from a prior application

10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

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11.  A Preliminary Amendment

12.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

13.  Applicant(s) hereby establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27

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15.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a        continuation  
       divisional of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.--

16.  Priority of applications Nos. 2003-094915, 2003-095000, 2003-095019, 2004-056362, 2004-056365  
and 2004-056368 filed in Japan on March 31, 2003, March 31, 2003, March 31, 2003, March 1, 2004,  
March 1, 2004 and March 1, 2004. Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.

A certified copy of priority applications Nos. 2003-094915, 2003-095000, 2003-095019, 2004-  
056362, 2004-056365 and 2004-056368 are enclosed herewith.

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I hereby certify that the above-identified application of Hitoshi YAMAMOTO et al., filed herewith, including Specification (60 pages), Claims (1-75, 19 pages), Abstract (1 page), 15 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-14), Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449 and copies of references), certified copies of Japanese Patent Applications Nos. 2003-094915, 2003-095000, 2003-095019, 2004-056362, 2004-056365 and 2004-056368, application transmittal in triplicate, a check in the amount of \$2,276.00 for filing fee and a return stamped postcard, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

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